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A BIG BEGONIA BARGAIN.

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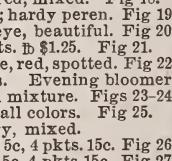
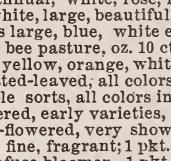
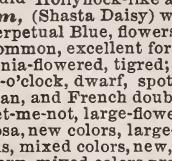
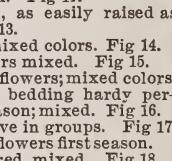
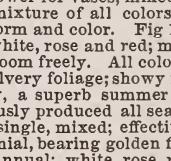
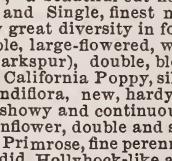
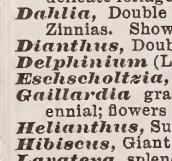
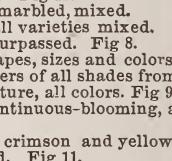
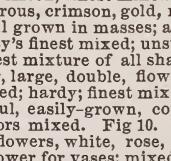
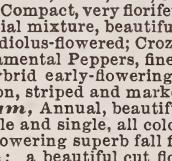
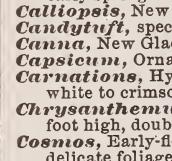
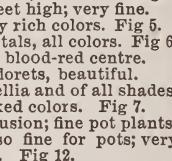
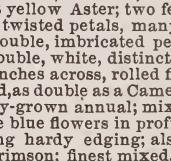
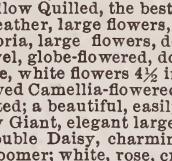
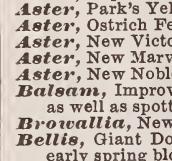
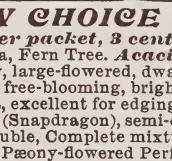
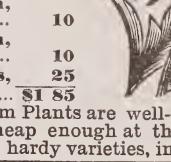
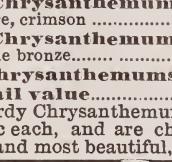
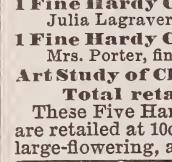
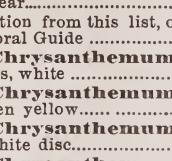
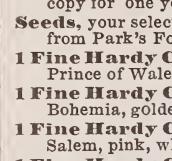
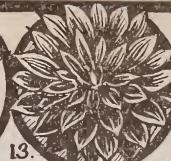
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- Aster*, Ostrich Feather, large flowers, twisted petals, many rich colors. Fig 5.
- Aster*, New Victoria, large flowers, double, imbricated petals, all colors. Fig 6.
- Aster*, New Marvel, globe-flowered, double, white, distinct blood-red centre.
- Aster*, New Noble, white flowers 4½ inches across, rolled florets, beautiful.
- Balsam*, Improved Camellia-flowered, as double as a Camellia and of all shades, as well as spotted; a beautiful, easily-grown annual; mixed colors. Fig 7.
- Browallia*, New Giant, elegant large blue flowers in profusion; fine pot plants.
- Bellis*, Giant Double Daisy, charming hardy edging; also fine for pots; very early spring bloomer; white, rose, crimson; finest mixed. Fig 12.
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- Carnations*, Hybrid early-flowering, large, double, flowers of all shades from white to crimson, striped and marked; hardy; finest mixture, all colors. Fig 9.
- Chrysanthemum*, Annual, beautiful, easily-grown, continuous-blooming, a foot high, double and single, all colors mixed. Fig 10.
- Cosmos*, Early-flowering superb fall flowers, white, rose, crimson and yellow, delicate foliage; a beautiful cut flower for vases; mixed. Fig 11.
- Dahlia*, Double and Single, finest mixture of all colors, as easily raised as Zinnias. Show great diversity in form and color. Fig 13.
- Dianthus*, Double, large-flowered, white, rose and red; mixed colors. Fig 14.
- Delphinium* (Larkspur), double, bloom freely. All colors mixed. Fig 15.
- Eschscholtzia*, California Poppy, silvery foliage; showy flowers; mixed colors.
- Gaillardia grandiflora*, new, hardy, a superb summer bedding hardy perennial; flowers showy and continuously produced all season; mixed. Fig 16.
- Helianthus*, Sunflower, double and single, mixed; effective in groups. Fig 17.
- Hibiscus*, Giant Primrose, fine perennial, bearing golden flowers first season.
- Lavatera*, splendid Hollyhock-like annual; white, rose, red, mixed. Fig 18.
- Leucanthemum*, (Shasta Daisy) white, large, beautiful; hardy peren. Fig 19.
- Lobelia*, New Perpetual Blue, flowers large, blue, white eye, beautiful. Fig 20.
- Mignonette*, common, excellent for bee pasture, oz. 10 cts. lb \$1.25. Fig 21.
- Mimulus*, Gloxinia-flowered, tigrid; yellow, orange, white, red, spotted. Fig 22.
- Mirabilis*, Four-o'clock, dwarf, spotted-leaved, all colors. Evening bloomer.
- Marigold*, African, and French double sorts, all colors in mixture. Figs 23-24.
- Myosotis*, Forget-me-not, large-flowered, early varieties, all colors. Fig 25.
- Nemesia strumosa*, new colors, large-flowered, very showy, mixed.
- Nicotiana Affinis*, mixed colors, new, fine, fragrant; 1 pkt. 5c, 4 pkts. 15c. Fig 26.
- Nicotiana Sandera*, mixed colors, profuse bloomer. 1 pkt 5c, 4 pkts 15c. Fig 27.
- Nigella Damascena*, Love in a Mist; white and blue flowers, double, mixed.
- Pansy*, Large-flowered, fragrant and finely marked; all colors mixed. Fig 28.





29. *Job's Tears* (Coix), grass; bead-like seeds, used for fancy work, and to wear about the neck for croup and sore throat. 50 seeds, 3 cts., 1 oz. 25 cts.

30. *Enothera*, Evening Primrose, large-flowered, golden yellow; mixed.

31. *Petunia*, Single, Large-flowered, plain and ruffled; mixed. Fig 29.

32. *Petunia*, Double, Ruffled Giant, finest seeds, mixed colors, 5 cts. Fig 30.

33. *Phlox*, Drummondii, fine large-flowered; beautiful everblooming annuals; make a glorious bed; fine also for pots; all colors mixed. Fig 31.

34. *Portulaca*, Double and Single in fine mixture, all colors from white to rich crimson, some superbly marked and striped; mixed. Fig 32.

35. *Poppies*, a superb mixture of Carnation-flowered, Ranunculus-flowered, Peony-flowered, Shirley and Tulip Poppy in all colors. Fine annuals.

36. *Poppy*, Large-flowered Shirley, beautiful flowers, pretty shades, mixed. Fig 33.

37. *Poppy*, Giant Feather-ball, huge double flowers; rich shades; mixed. Fig 34.

38. *Ricinus*, New Giant and other sorts mixed; for groups or hedges.

39. *Salvia*, large, early-flowered kinds, showy grown in masses; best mixed. Fig 35.

40. *Salpiglossis*, new large-flowered, gorgeous colors; finest mixed. Fig 36.

41. *Scabiosa*, Mourning Bride, giant double-flowered, white, rose, lilac, scarlet, black, blue, etc., showy, excellent for bouquets; best mixture. Fig 37.

42. *Schizanthus*, Butterfly Flower, Orchid-like blossoms in great profusion; many colors, all richly marked; for potting and bedding; finest mixture.

43. *Stock*, Ten Weeks', New Giant Excelsior, the earliest blooming of Stocks; spikes of large, rose-like, sweet scented flowers, many bright colors; mixed. Fig 38.

44. *Tropaeolum* (Nasturtium), Tom Thumb, dwarf; splendid for bedding or for pots; very rich colors, free-blooming all summer, finest mixed, oz. 15c. Fig 39.

45. *Verbena*, Mammoth-flowered, superb mixture; very large, sweet scented flowers in large clusters; showy in beds; all the fine colors mixed. Fig 40.

46. *Viola*, Tufted Pansy, finest mixture of all colors from white to deep purple, many variegated; first-class for beds; hardy, scented; mixed. Fig 41.

47. *Wallflower*, New Parisian, grand, large, showy flower clusters, sweet scented.

48. *Zinnia*, New Mammoth, in splendid mixture of all colors; flowers large and showy as Dahlias, covering the plant with a mass of bloom. Fig 42.

EVERLASTINGS. — *Acroclinium*, mixed; *Ammobium alatum*; *Gomphrena*, mixed; *Helipterum Sanfordi*; *Helichrysum monstrosum*; mixed, Fig. 43; *Rhodanthe*, mixed; *Gypsophila*, mixed; *Xeranthemum*, mixed; *Briza maxima*, Grass, Fig 44. I can supply separate packets of all of these.

Fine Ornamental Climbers.

49. *Cardiospermum*, Love in a Puff, graceful trellis vine; inflated capsules. Mxd.

50. *Cypress Vine*, white, rose and scarlet mixed; fine foliage: 10 ft.; beautiful.

51. *Cobea Scandens*, rapid climber; 30 ft.; big purple bells; splendid. Fig 45.

52. *Dolichos*, Hyacinth Bean, robust climber, dense foliage, big bean clusters.

53. *Gourds and Cucumbers*, a fine lot of best sorts; special mixture of all.

54. *Gourd*, Nest Egg, handsome, robust vine; the abundant fruits fine for nest eggs.

55. *Hop*, Japanese, lovely variegated vine. *Ipomoea*, splendid sorts mixed.

56. *Morning Glory*, Single and double mixed. Also Japanese, finest sorts mixed.

Hardy Biennials and Perennials.

57. *Aquilegia*, Columbine, graceful, beautiful perennials, rich colors mixed. Fig 49.

58. *Alyssum*, Gold Dust, masses of sweet, golden clusters; 1 ft.; showy flowers.

59. *Arabis alpina*, splendid white early flower; 8 in.; lovely for edging or bed.

60. *Campanula*, Canterbury Bell, biennials; 2 ft.; rich-colored bells; mxd. Fig 50.

61. *Carnation*, Hardy Garden, double, sweet-scented Pinks; border plants. Mixed.

62. *Delphinium*, Orchid-flowering, hardy perennials, big spikes, rich flowers.

63. *Digitalis*, Foxglove, hardy biennials, 3 ft.; long spikes, drooping bells. Mixed.

64. *Hollyhock*, Chater's Double, finest strain of fluffy blooms; 5 ft.; hardy. Mixed.

65. *Pinks and Picotees*, fine garden plants; flowers double, rich-colored. Mixed.

66. *Platycodon*, splendid hardy perennials; blue and white flowers. Mixed. Fig 51.

67. *Perennial Poppy*, huge foliage and huge rich bloom; finest hybrids mixed.

68. *Perennial Pea*, Everblooming perennial; large clusters, white, red, mixed.

69. *Primrose*, Hardy, lovely spring-blooming edging; many rich colors mixed.

70. *Sweet William*, Single, Double, large-flowered; white, crimson, variegated.

71. *Pyrethrum*, Perennial Cosmos; 2 ft.; pretty foliage, Cosmos-like bloom Mxd.

Choice Window-Garden Seeds.

72. *Abutilon*, Chinese Maple, lovely bell flowers, white, yellow, red, finest mixed.

73. *Begonia*, Fibrous and Tuberous-rooted, everblooming, many colors, mixed.

74. *Calceolaria*, Large-flowered, spotted, rich-colored clusters, mixed. Fig 52.

75. *Cineraria*, Large-flowered, fine winter-blooming plants; very showy. Mixed.

76. *Coleus*, New Fancy, glorious pot and bedding foliage plants. Mixture. Fig 53.

77. *Cyclamen*, Large-flowered, elegant winter-bloomers; colors mixed. Fig 54.

78. *Geranium*, Zonal, choicest, large-flowered, large-clustered sorts. Fig 55.

79. *Gloxinia*, New large-flowered; easily grown from seeds; finest mixture.

80. *Heliotrope*, New Lemoine sorts; big clusters of large, sweet flowers; mixed.

81. *Lantana*, New Dwarf and Large Sorts mixed. *Primula obconica*, mixed.

82. *Primrose*, Chinese Fringed, large, lovely flowers, many splendid colors. Fig 56.

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Dr. Thacher and his great work!" All personal letters, enclosing stamp for reply, will be promptly answered for those wishing minute data of my case. Yours truly,

CLARENCE D. SMITH, R.F.D. No. 6, Rome, N. Y.

A CASE OF DIABETES GIVEN UP AS INCURABLE.

New Buffalo, Mich., Aug. 17, 1906.

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Oh! be cheerful, oh be happy
While you're passing on life's way;
Making work a thing of pleasure,
Casting all your frets away.

Life is simply what we make it;
Make it sunshine, then, we say,
Just cheer up and start to smiling,
And be sunny all the day.

St. Louis, Mo.

Albert E. Vassar

A SHOWY BED.

A VERY showy bed of foliage and bloom may be had by a simple outlay of five cents for a packet of seeds of *Nicotiana Sylvestris*, as the engraving upon this

foliage, specimen leaves often measuring several feet in length and a foot in breadth. If the tops are removed and the roots lifted, and placed in the cellar, they will winter safely, and may be bedded out early the next season to continue the display. The plants bloom continuously throughout the summer, and a group of them is always attractive in the garden or lawn. The flowers are fragrant, graceful, and remain in full bloom throughout the day.

Winter-blooming Bulbs for the South.—In Florida the Milk-and-Wine Lily and the Amaryllis Johnsoni and Hybrids bloom out-doors in winter. Under proper



A SHOWY BED OF NICOTIANA SYLVESTRIS.

page will show. The seeds are small, but they germinate readily, and the young plants grow rapidly and begin blooming when quite small. As the season advances they branch and develop more and larger clusters, until the advent of frost finds the plants five or more feet high, and a mass of star-like, drooping clusters above a grand array of subtropical

conditions they would probably bloom as well in Louisiana and other Southern states with a mild climate. *Polyanthus Narcissus* planted in October also show fine clusters of bloom in Florida during winter, and the same is true of Gladioli, Montbretias, Tuberoses and a number of other bulbs used as summer-blooming bulbs at the North.

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EDITORIAL

The Kentia Palms.—Kentia Balmo-reana and K. Fosteriana are among the most beautiful and desirable of Palms, and are regarded as of easy culture. They need a soil composed of rotted sods, leaf-mould, decayed manure and sand, thoroughly mixed. A rather warm temperature suits them, and extremes of heat and cold should be carefully avoided. While growing place the pot in a larger vessel, with sphagnum between, and water freely, keeping the soil continually moist. In winter, or while resting, water rather sparingly. Partial shade is desirable, and plenty of fresh air, but avoid full exposure to summer winds and cold draughts of air in winter. The plants are easily raised from seeds, but require several weeks to start after the seeds are sown.

Martynia proboscidea.—A sister in Iowa asks the name of a plant bearing a claw-like seed-pod, hard and shell-like, and containing large, black, rough seeds. It is evidently of *Martynia proboscidea*, a plant malodorous, bearing pretty Catalpa-like spotted flowers, succeeded by a cluster of fleshy, claw-like seed-pods, sometimes called Devil's Claws. When young and tender they are used for pickling, and are highly prized by some people for that purpose. The seeds may be obtained of almost any seedsman at five cents per packet.

FLORIST AZALEAS.

THE Florist Azaleas are not generally satisfactory in window culture, and it is better for the amateur to buy a blooming plant from the florist, and discard it after blooming. If you wish to keep it, however, repot it after blooming, giving it a larger pot, and a soil composed of peat and sand, thoroughly firming it in potting. Then water thoroughly and in summer give a cool, partially shaded place out-doors, setting the pot on coal ashes to prevent fish-worms from entering. Special care must be taken in watering, for if the roots dry out it will ruin the prospects of a crop of bloom. Syringe often to keep the foliage in good condition. Toward autumn give more sun, to ripen the wood and promote the formation of cluster buds. Remove to a cool window on the approach of frost. These are simple directions, but they contain the essential elements of successful Azalea culture. In this connection may be mentioned a complaint that a florist entrusted to care for a red-flowered Azalea delivered a white-flowered one. This could hardly be due to a freak in the plant, though it might have been treated with some colored liquid that caused the original flowers to be red. If you place a spray or stem of Lily of the Valley in red ink the flowers will become red, and the same is true of spikes of Tuberose flowers. Why may not the Azalea have been so treated to make the flower more attractive in offering the blooming plants for sale?

Blooming Amaryllis.—If your Amaryllis Johnsoni or A. Aigberth hybrids should fail to bloom bed the bulbs out in rich soil in a sunny place to grow throughout the summer. If the autumn should prove rather dry, after the plants have made a good growth, you can almost depend upon a fine spike of flowers from each bulb. In the autumn, after frost comes, lift the bulbs and dry them off till Christmas, then pot them, leaving the crown above the soil. In a little while the flower buds will push up, before the leaves have had time to appear. In Florida and states of similar climate the bulbs may be left in the soil out-doors to take care of themselves.

Primroses in Summer.—Chinese Primroses that have bloomed during the winter should be repotted in the spring, placing them a little deeper in the pot than they were. During summer, keep them in a cool, shaded place. If any bloom-stems appear, pinch them out. They will then be in condition by autumn to bloom another winter.

Pansies Damping Off.—In a damp place, or during wet weather Pansy plants are sometimes attacked by a very fine fungus which causes them to die off at the root, almost as if cut with a knife. The remedy is to apply a mixture of lime and sulphur, equal parts, and cultivate the soil.

A NEW NIGELLA.

NI GELLA Damascena, commonly known as Love-in-a-mist, is an easily grown annual, beautiful in masses in the garden, and pretty in bouquets. The foliage is finely cut, of a deep green color, and the flowers, partly hidden by the feathery sprays of

green, are charming in form, color and texture. The large, inflated seed-vessels which succeed the flowers are curious and handsome, and the seeds, when rubbed, are deliciously scented.

NIGELLA DAMASCENA.
Heretofore the flowers were either light blue or white, but recently a variety originated in England with rich blue flowers. It is called Miss Jekyll, and is, as yet, classed among the novelties in this country, although it has been in cultivation in England for several years. This variety is especially desirable because of its attractive color, and free-blooming character. It grows a foot high, is of compact habit, and an annual of special merit. It should be among the list of new seeds ordered this season. Sow thinly in rows six inches apart, and thin to four inches apart in the rows. Seeds may be had at 5 cents per packet.

Palms.—Repot these as summer approaches, using a rich, fibrous, sandy compost, and making it firm about the roots. Then set the pots inside larger pots and fill in between with Sphagnum moss. Keep well watered during summer, and in a place upon the porch where they will be partially shaded and shielded from the severe summer winds. Thus treated they develop handsome new leaves, and the older leaves do not show a tendency to turn brown at the tips, which is a common fault.

Cosmos for Thanksgiving.—To have late-blooming Cosmos sow seeds of the Mammoth Cosmos this month, and transplant to rich soil when large enough. The plants will begin to bud about frost time, when they can be lifted with a large ball of earth, bedded in boxes and protected until the buds open. If placed in an unheated room, or even in a shed that can be lighted by large doors thrown open in daytime and closed at night, the buds will develop satisfactorily. Keep well watered.

Bedding Heliotropes.—Heliotropes thrive in a hot, sunny exposure and in moist, rich loam. Bedded out in such a position and in such soil they make a fine growth, and give a rich display of bloom during summer.

Variegated Rubber.—This plant likes a rich, porous, sandy loam with good drainage and a sunny situation. It will not endure as much neglect as the ordinary Rubber plant.

COLUMBINE FROM SEEDS.

MANY persons regard the various large-flowered exotic species of Aquilegia or Columbine as difficult to start and difficult to grow. The idea is erroneous, and without foundation. The plants are easily raised from seeds, and will grow and bloom freely in almost any soil or situation. Sown during May or June, in a bed at the north side of a picket fence or wall or building the seeds soon germinate, and by autumn the plants are sturdy and well-developed, able to endure even the alternate freezing and thawing of a northern clime. The colors, blue and yellow and red are well represented in the various shades, and the pure white flowers, both single and double in A. CHRYSANTHA. form, are very chaste and beautiful. Some of the larger species, as A. Chrysanthia, grow several feet in height, and bloom almost throughout the season. If cut freely, so that the plants are not exhausted bearing seeds, many of the kinds have their blooming period greatly prolonged. Once established a bed of Columbine will last for years, and yield a fine display of foliage and flowers every season.



Foxglove.—In rich ground this is a perennial, and will last for three or four years, especially if not allowed to be exhausted bearing seeds. The same is true of Hollyhock, Pansy, Anchusa azurea, and some others catalogued as hardy perennials. The Oriental Mullein, Centaurea Babylonica, Adlumia cirrhosa, Agrostemma Coronaria and Campanula medium are biennials, though under certain conditions, when not allowed to bear seeds, even these will live and grow and bloom the third or fourth season.

Genista monosperma.—This is a low-growing deciduous greenhouse shrub from Southern Europe. It bears a profusion of pea-like, golden flowers in July. It is propagated by cuttings of the young shoots in summer, placed in wet sand, and kept under glass. The plants thrive in a compost of peat and loam with a mixture of sand and leaf-mould.

Cyclamen.—The finest Cyclamen are those grown from seeds, and so well cared for that they will bloom in about eighteen months. During all of that time they should not be rested, but kept growing. After blooming apply water sparingly for a few weeks, to allow the plants a season of rest.

Begonia Blight.—Sometimes Begonia leaves turn brown in spots and at the edges, and finally dry up. This is caused by a fungus or blight. Pick off and burn the infected leaves, and put on the soil a dressing of flowers of sulphur, working it into the surface.

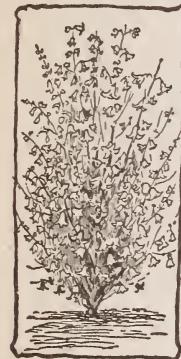
EDITORIAL LETTER.



MY DEAR FRIENDS:—*Forsythia viridissima* and *Forsythia suspensa* are among the most beautiful and attractive of early-flowering shrubs. They are sometimes called Golden Bells, and the name is not inappropriate, as the flowers are bell-shaped at the base, attenuated into four open segments, each three-fourths of an inch long, the whole a rich, golden yellow, with twelve distinct orange stripes at the united base. The leaves are opposite, placed thickly along the branch, and the flowers, when well set, develop at each node, a flower appearing upon a little stem an eighth-inch long at the axil of each leaf, subtended by two or three basal bracts which formed the protection to the flower germ during the winter. The segments are gracefully curved or twisted, and each flower shows at its centre two little filaments an eighth-inch long, crowned by two more or less united anthers, and between the filaments, mid-way, appears the two-capped stigma. The corolla is supported by a calyx of four small green parts or sepals. These exquisite flowers, appearing before the leaves, almost as soon as the snow is gone, never fail to elicit our admiration and praise. So full are the branches with the flowers that they are veritable wreathes, and a blooming specimen appears at a distance as a shower of gold.

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ing, etc., are practically the same as those of the Chinese species. Grown near and trained to the south side of a wall or building it becomes a glow of beauty when in bloom, and its dense array of branches and foliage hides in summer any unsightliness that may be in the object covered. Grown upon a mound and kept pegged down it appears as a mass of gold in early spring. It may even be advantageously trained upon a trellis, under which conditions it will attain the height of fifteen or twenty feet.



Section of Forsythia flower.

The *Forsythia* belongs, with the *Jasmine*, *Lilac*, *Fringe Tree*, *Privet* and *Ash*, to the *Olive Family*, *Oleaceæ*. The shrubs thrive in any good soil, and will grow well even in partial shade. To get a fine display of bloom, however, they should be given a place fully exposed to the sun, and if rather dry during the autumn the wood will set flower-buds more freely, and mature thoroughly, thus insuring more flowers and a safe passage of rigorous winters. When there is a warm spell of weather in winter the buds sometimes develop unduly, and are destroyed by later freezing and thawing. To avoid this you can wrap the tops with heavy paper, such as carpenters use for sheathing houses, allowing the protection to remain on until the severe frosts of spring are past. Shrubs thus protected may come into bloom

a few days later than others, but the protection effectually prevents injury from unfavorable winter conditions.

Propagation of both of these *Forsythias* is readily effected by layering the branches, or by cuttings of the half-ripened wood inserted in wet sand. The young plants come on rapidly, and soon begin to bloom. Even yearling plants will show some flowers in the spring, and plants two or three years old will make a fine appearance in the yard. If the plants are grown in a sunny exposure and kept pruned so that they are bushy in form and from two to three feet high they will force readily, and be elegant for window decoration in winter. Out-doors they bloom with the *Daffodils* of early spring, usually from the first till the latter part of April, in Philadelphia latitude. The specimens at La Park, Pa., are, at this writing, in full bloom.



F. Viridissima in a pot.

La Park, Pa., Apr. 14, 1908.

The Editor.



Forsythia Suspensa.

MACKAYA BELLA.

MACKAYA-Bella is an Acanthad from Natal, introduced in 1869. It is a shrubby greenhouse plant, growing six feet high, branching, and during spring, bearing terminal clusters of pale lilac, tubular flowers, not unlike those of Goldfussia in the form, color and pencilings. Both foliage and flowers are handsome, and the plant is of easy culture.

As a flowering plant, however, it is not always successful in the hands of the Amateur, for it will not bloom freely, if at all, when given ordinary treatment. It must be a coarse, rich soil, such as may be prepared by mixing two parts loam with one part of dry and pulverized cow-chips. Encourage a free growth throughout the summer by liberal watering, and if the branches begin to grow spindling, pinch them back, and then promote a more bushy form, and more clusters of bloom. While growing, syringe frequently, and keep the surface soil stirred. As winter approaches withhold water entirely from the soil, and cease to use the syringe. In this condition keep the plant until the leaves begin to drop off, then apply water sparingly, and when growth begins repot, giving the plant more room. Plants should be grown in larger pots than are used for many of the window plants. An eight-inch pot is not too large for a blooming plant, and some use pots of ten-inch size, the plants being bushy and three feet in height.

Young plants are easily started from cuttings, and it is well to keep some young plants coming on to take the place of the older plants that become too large, and cease to do well. The plants under proper treatment will begin to bloom when two years old, and will do good service as blooming plants for several years. The special treatment here recommended, however, should be observed, if the best results would be obtained.

White Flies.—Where these are you will find tiny white "worms" in the soil. Withhold water till the plants begin to show signs of wilting, then water thoroughly with water hotter than the hand will bear, almost scalding water. Apply until the drainage indicates that the soil is hot throughout. After this, water only when the soil seems dry. White flies indicate that the soil is kept too wet. Soil kept too wet will cause the leaves to turn brown at the margin and eventually to dry up. Palm or other leaves that turn brown should be promptly removed and burned.

Begonia Freak.—Mrs. Street, of California, has a Pres. Gaillaume Begonia which she cut back, and it threw up a sprout bearing leaves $8\frac{1}{2}$ inches long and $4\frac{1}{2}$ inches broad, the first leaves spotted with white as distinctly as the leaves of the Spotted Calla. The succeeding leaves gradually lost their variegation, until it disappeared entirely. This is a common freak with Begonia rubra, and also appears in other kinds, of which B. Pres. Gail- laume is one. It is not an unusual occurrence.

MILDEW ON ROSES.

WHEN the foliage and young growth of Roses is covered with whitish powder it is what is known as mildew, a fungus growth that spreads by spores carried by the wind. Some Roses are more subject to mildew than others. A perfect remedy in the greenhouse is to paint the hot-water or steam pipes with a "white-wash" made of equal parts of flowers of sulphur and fresh slaked lime. Out-doors this remedy cannot be used, but a dry mixture of the material may be dusted over the affected parts through a porous sack, and washed off with a syringe the next day, when another application can be made, if the first was not effectual. Roses greatly troubled with the disease should be replaced with other and hardier kinds.

Fruitless Lemon.—To have fruit set upon a Lemon or Orange tree that blooms in early spring the flowers should be fertilized. In a warm climate, where there are groves of these fruits, fertilization is effected by bees and insects of various kinds and by the wind, and in greenhouses at the north it is usually accomplished by the same means, the bees entering at the ventilators on fine days. But often in dwellings the windows are closed, and there is no means of fertilization, unless it is effected artificially. This is simply using a camel's hair brush, and applying the pollen dust of the stamens to the stigma or tip of the pistil or central column. If fertilization is neglected the flowers will prove steril, and drop without setting fruit.

Cotoneaster Angustifolia.—This is a new shrub, said to be hardy. It grows from three to five feet high, has spreading, spiny branches, and these become wreaths of brilliant red berries which remain on throughout the winter. If it proves hardy it will be a good acquisition to our list of plants for outdoor, fall and winter decoration. It was introduced from central China.

To Have a Lemon Produce.—A seedling Lemon will not bloom or bear for many years. To make it produce fruit bud or graft the plant with buds or scions from a bearing tree. The bud or scion thus inserted will bloom in two or three years, and the other branches can be removed, so that the whole top will be of bearing stock. Plants started from cuttings also bloom early.

Rex Begonias.—These like a soil that is loose, rich and well-drained. Weeds, grass and the scrapings of walks make an ideal compost when decomposed till in a friable condition. This is also good for Ferns.

Camellia Japonica.—This plant likes a cool, moist place and partial shade. In the south it does well out-doors in a favorable situation. A soil composed of fibrous loam, sand and leaf-mould suits it.

CHILDREN'S LETTER.



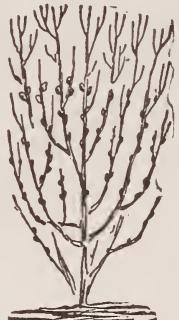
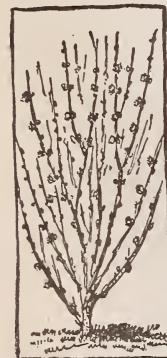
MY DEAR CHILDREN:—This morning, as I came down the path by the water's edge, I noticed the Willows were green with tender foliage, while the Ash and Elm and Maple were all showing flowers. About midway, close to the water, was a plant of *Forsythia Sieboldii*, a Japanese hardy shrub, which was a mass of rich, golden bloom. Had the plant been tender it certainly would not have perfected so many flowers, for it was unprotected, and subject to all the unfavorable conditions the climate and situation could claim. Across the path, a little further on, the rich, blood-red foliage of *Schwendleri's Maple* was showing, and beside it the more humble buds of *Amorpha fruticosa*. I was pleased to notice this, for earlier in the spring

I feared this shrub had suffered from the cold of winter. Only the slender tips of the branches, however, were affected, and this was all the better, for it insured for it the pruning that it needed to make it bushy and thrifty during summer.

Of course the Alders and Hazel bushes were in bloom, and just beyond the *Amorpha* bush was a handsome specimen of the American Spice-wood (*Benzoin*), in full bloom, the clusters of little, yellow-*Amorpha fruticosa*.ish flowers scenting the air with their pleasing odor.

A little further on appeared the bush of *Caragana arborescens*, the Siberian Pea Tree, the soft, lovely foliage revealing a most exquisite shade of green. Very soon the plant will be further adorned by a mass of yellow bloom, for the buds are already beginning to show among the pretty foliage.

The snow had scarcely disappeared from the path till little Crocuses began to peep up from both sides, between the trees and shrubs. There were blue and white and yellow and striped. They were the first flowers to appear along the path. How bright and fresh and beautiful they seemed after the barrenness of the long, dreary winter! Their beauty was short-lived, however, for hardly had they shown their colors until they



began to be admired by some little mischievous animals, probably muskrats, which make their home in the banks of the race, and today, where each bulb was set by the careful gardener a little excavation appears, and hardly a Crocus flower, of the thousands of bulbs planted, can be found. The little thief did his work at night.

Do you see that gleam of gold on the bank beyond the ravine? That is the display of several rows of single Daffodils, planted there several years ago.

Every year the bulbs throw up their foliage and buds in early spring, and yield masses of exquisite bloom.



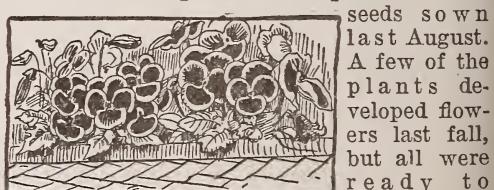
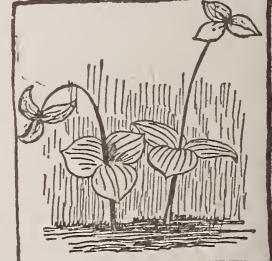
On the Little Crocuses began to peep up. hillside in the ravine is a little budding clump of Trillium, which I planted last season. The



Rows of single Daffodils.

roots came from the northern part of the state, where they growthickly along the bank of the Chemung river. It is a showy and handsome wildling, the nodding flowers of a pleasing red color, and quite showy. Near-by is a plant of *Spirea gigantea* in bloom. This too was planted last season. It is beautiful in foliage and curious in flower, and a plant worthy of a place in the wild garden.

Over in the garden A little clump of Trillium. near the path you will notice the long bed of Pansies. The plants were produced from



The long bed of Pansies.

seeds sown last August. A few of the plants developed flowers last fall, but all were ready to bloom as soon as the snow

disappeared. There are a good many light colors in this bed, which is desirable. As a rule the blues, blacks and reds prevail, unless

some care is taken in buying or mixing the seeds.

That purple mass beyond the Pansies is Aubrieta, sometimes called Purple Rock



Purple mass of Aubrieta.

edging or border for the garden. When planted in crevices in a stone wall, or in the rockery, the pendulous or creeping plants make an admirable display when in bloom.

The sheet of white near the Cress is of *Arabis alpina*. It, too, is a low, hardy, spring-blooming plant, fine for an edging or border. Some plant it in the cemetery, and its purity and beauty, as well as its habit of taking care of itself commends it for that purpose. It is readily produced from seeds.

As I passed under the vine-covered Locust tree in which the Robin built its nest and reared its baby Robins last season, I almost fancied I heard the song of the happy bird in the old Elm not far distant, and in leaving the path, as I passed the Weeping Willow which waves its long, pendulous branches over the deep still water, a little striped song sparrow nestled among the foliage, and in its sweetest notes called to me, "Aren't you glad spring has come? Aren't you glad spring has come?"

Your friend,
La Park, Pa., Apr. 15, 1908. The Editor.

About Cosmos.—The late southern *Cosmos* is too late in blooming to be satisfactory at the North. The semi-dwarf, early-flowering varieties are better adapted to a northern climate. Make two sowings of the seeds, and you will have a fine display of bloom throughout the season. The flowers are grand in the garden, and keep well in a vase after they are cut from the stalk.

V. Devinny.

Edgewater, Col., Feb. 13, 1908.

Maiden Hair Fern.—I grow Maiden Hair Fern with as much success as my other varieties, by keeping the terra cotta pot in a small jardiniere, so that there is about an inch of space in between the bottom of the pot and jar, and give water just once a week, when I soak it thoroughly. The water does not evaporate very rapidly, and the earth is always damp. This must be a good way, for my fern grows very luxuriantly under this treatment.

Hancock Co., Miss.

I. C. T.

RARE PLANTS FROM SEEDS.

TO THE real flower-lover a great amount of pleasure as well as profit is to be found in growing rare and beautiful plants from seeds. Of course one does not always succeed at first, but a little pains-taking, persevering effort will insure final success.

I have tried many varieties and have rarely had entire failure.

Success in this work means intelligent, systematic work and careful study, not only of the methods recommended by experienced growers, but also of the plants themselves. I have now a handsome *Lataニア* Palm which I started a

few years ago from seed. I bought one package of seeds, and from it grew three Palms, two of which I sold for a good price.

From a package of *Geranium* seeds which cost only a few cents, I obtained three choice varieties. One is a single salmon pink, with very large, finely shaded blossoms, and such fine foliage that I have named it the "Elizabeth." I have sold and given away many plants and cuttings, and today the original plant, now three years old, is a large, vigorous bushy plant with leaves seven inches across.

From a package of ten seeds of *Asparagus Plumosus* I obtained seven plants. All but one were true to the variety, but one is new. It is now over two years old, and so far has sent out no shoots more than eight inches high, although the others in the same lot have grown quite large.

Last fall it was almost covered with tiny blossoms, and after them the little berries that literally loaded it down. It was one of the prettiest plants I ever saw, the foliage being very delicate. This spring I repotted it, and it is sending out dozens of shoots.

I have also succeeded well with *Cyclamen*, *Begonias*, *Primroses*, *Coleus* and others.

If one only loves the work enough to take pains with it, I know no way to have so great an amount of pleasure for so little money, as by raising one's own plants from seeds.

Mrs. Anna M. Boldrick.
Forest Grove, Or., Mar. 31, 1908.

Fine Hydrangeas.—A few years ago, while on a trip to a nearby village, I noticed a residence fronting east, and having a porch, perhaps nine feet in width. On each side of this porch, and inside the railing, were some three or four boxes two feet square, and in each of these boxes were house *Hydrangeas* of the red-branched variety. Never before had I the pleasure of seeing such luxuriant beauties. Every branch seemed to be a foot or more in length, and each one was tipped with a bunch of bloom as large as a good-sized nail.

Mrs. Mabel Dresser.

Redwood Co., Minn., Jan. 10, 1908.



A WINTER-BLOOMING VINE.

MR. EDITOR:—

I HAVE just received my first number of Park's Floral Magazine, and am very much pleased with it. I am sending you a leaf and flower of a vine that I would be glad to know the name of. It is an annual, grows

ten feet high when planted out-doors, and the leaf is three times as large as the one I send you. I have a vine in one window that I started last fall, and I

find it one of the finest winter-bloomers I have ever had, as it has only been out of bloom twice, and only for a few days at a time. The vine is only 18 inches high, but sometimes has eight or ten flowers in bloom at the same time. Will you kindly name it? Mrs. J. S. Stanley.

Webster Co. Mo., Feb. 17, 1908.

Ans.—The vine, of which a flower and leaf were received, is *Thunbergia alata*. There are several varieties, as white, white with black eye, buff, buff with black eye, yellow, and yellow with black eye. The vines start readily from seeds, and grow six feet high, blooming throughout the summer when started in the spring. Started in early autumn they bloom well in the window, as our friend reports, throughout the winter. The little engraving shows the character of the flower.—Ed.

Geraniums from Seeds.—Truly in growing plants from seeds many queer things are learned. Last year I sowed a packet of Geranium seeds, and after the plants were all up, as I supposed, and transplanted, I took the box outside, where it got sun and rain, and a few more came up. Then for a long time none appeared, and I was sure no more would come. Late in the autumn one of the cans needed filling up, so I scraped the top off of that box and used it. To my surprise, on March 7th a nice, thrifty seedling pushed its head up, and is now getting its second lot of leaves. The can had been kept in a cool place through the winter, and had no heat except what it received in the window of a very cold kitchen.

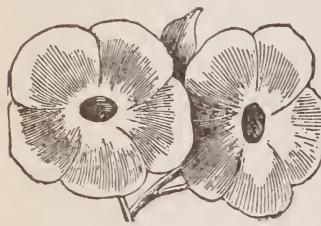
Mrs. J. F. B.

Armstrong Co., Pa., April 3, 1908.

Bachelor's Buttons.—If the sisters want something fine for cutting, try a large bed of variegated Bachelor's Buttons. My little daughters had such a bed, and it was most valuable for cutting from, and much admired.

Mrs. Mary L. Warren.

Kennebec Co., Me., Jan. 10, 1908.



THUNBERGIA ALATA.

BEDDING IMPATIENS SULTANA.

Impatiens Sultana is not as well known for bedding as it should be. It is generally recommended for a shady place, but it is not at all particular whether it is in sun or shade, though it likes plenty of water. My plants were set two feet apart each way, and bloomed freely and continuously.



IMPATIENS SULTANA.

Mrs. J. F. B.

Armstrong Co., Pa., April 3, 1908.

Note.—*Impatiens Holsti*, the new scarlet-flowered species, has brighter flowers, and is a stronger grower than *I. Sultana*. It will doubtless do quite as well out-doors as its relative. There are many hybrids, too, affording a range of colors from almost pure white to dark purple. All of these *Impatiens* are easily raised from seeds sown during the spring months.—Ed.

Shade for a South Porch.—You who have a south or west porch will want some shade for it in the afternoons, and plans must be made in season for this shade. It is a good idea to have some climbers that will come up every year, as Woodbine, Honey-suckle, Clematis and Climbing Roses. The Jasmine does well here, too, and there are the Flowering Beans, Morning Glories and Wild Cucumber vine, all very nice. A simple trellis made out of small, thin strips of board, and reaching from the ground to the top of the porch, is very nice to train vines around, and by the use of strings or wires a thick shade may be obtained. The wire netting is also good, but costs a little more. If you do not have either of these, just common string will answer for the lighter vines, and the general looks of the home will be much improved.

Whitman Co., Wash., Jan. 11, 1908. G.M.S.

Philadelphus Hedge.—An inexpensive hedge may be formed of the fragrant *Philadelphus coronarius* or Mock Orange. Where a dividing line is desired between the vegetable garden and the yard, or between neighbors' lawns in a village, this hedge is a success. Seedling plants may be grown readily, or around an old plant small plants may be found. They are hardy and thrive in any corner not reached by the lawn mower. As the plants grow they should be pruned to the required height for the hedge. In spring the hedge will be a mass of white flowers.

Mrs. L. N. Hobbs.

Parke Co., Ind., Feb. 17, 1908.

To Make Lilacs Bloom.—I had trouble with non-blooming Lilacs until I was told to dig away the sod about them, stir the soil and apply coal ashes. I did this, applying a bucketful of ashes to each tree in Spring, and again in the fall, and I now have an abundance of bloom.

Mrs. S. E. Bebout.

Henrico Co., Va., Feb. 20, 1908.

FARFUGIUM GRANDEE.

MY FARFUGIUM does not look as though it needed rest. It is trying its best to fill an east window. It ought to have the whole window. It takes about a quart of water every other day. If any of the flower folks want a fine foliage plant for an east window in winter—one that simply wants all of the water it can drink, and a fair amount of light, one not troubled



by insects, let them try Farfugium grandee. But don't let it blossom. I set my plant in a dish and pour water on until it runs through and over, and let it stand until it drinks its fill. Then I take it out and set it on a plate and let the surplus water drain out. It is in a three-quart paint pail of good, rich, garden soil, with some sand and leaf mould. It is a most satisfactory plant.

Mrs. Ida Clark.

Genesee Co., N. Y., Mar. 12, 1908.

Beautifying Grounds.—The first thing to do in beautifying grounds is to clean them of all trash and unsightly objects, such as tumble-down sheds, piles of lumber, and everything that is a bar to beauty. The unsightly structures that cannot be removed must be covered with quick-growing vines. The Scarlet Runner is one of the best of these vines. Gourd vines will also be found useful. Along the fences make a border, and at the rear, nearest the fence, put in some vines and train to the top of the fences. In front of this put in any flower or collection of flowers that you may have. Sow grass seeds wherever there is a foot of ground not taken up with flowers. Better still, sod the yard, keep the grass well cut, weeds out of the borders, and you will have "the garden beautiful."

Hillside Place, Mo., Mar. 8, 1908 J.W.C.

Gloxinia Leaves Curling.—Mr. Editor:—The leaves of my Gloxinias begin to curl when nearly full-grown, and finally they turn brown and drop off. What is the cause?

Connecticut. Mrs. H. T. H.

Ans.—The curling is probably due to the mite known as red spider. Syringe the under side with rather hot soap-suds, dashing the material upon the foliage with considerable force. A few applications at intervals of three or four days will mostly eradicate the pest, which is so small that it can scarcely be discerned with the naked eye.—Ed.

Begonias.—Why do not more of the floral sisters raise Begonias? They are so satisfactory, so free from insects, and so easily grown. They are less trouble to care for than a Geranium. I have a bay window looking north, east and west, and have eleven different kinds of Begonias in it. They grow nicely, and their foliage is a delight to me all through the fall and winter.

A. M. B.

Woodstock, Vt.

LINES

(With a Box of Cut Flowers for Laura.)

Flowers, speak to my loved one,
Smile in her beautiful face;
Tell of the love of our Saviour,
Tell of His wonderful grace.
Smile in your glorious beauty,
Chase every care from her heart,
Tell of our meeting place yonder,
Meeting there, never to part.

The loved and the missed—not forgotten,
Ever not far from our sight,
Ever illumining our darkness
With memory's beautiful light.
Yes, smile in your fadeless beauty,
Tho' you seemingly pass with the day;
The spirit impression you render
From us cannot pass away.

The soul knows no past and no future,
Truth, beauty forever the same,
It keeps in perennial freshness,
As when from the Giver they came.
Then, smilingly tell of The Home Land,
Of its showers of beauty so rare;
Till we look at the loved who will greet us,
Apart from all sorrow and care.

Alice Shaw Chipman.

Alawama, N. S., Jan. 25, 1908.

Phosphate of Soda.—A year ago, just before Christmas, I had through the mail a little box such as doctors use for mailing. When I opened it I found a number of powders had been sent me from a doctor friend, labeled "Phosphate of Soda," for my plants. They were done up in true professional style, and on the box was, "Dissolve one powder in one quart of water, and put on plants once a month." Was not that an original idea for a present to a floral friend? And how acceptable! I wish all the doctors' medicines were as helpful as I found these to be.

A.M.B.

Woodstock, Conn., Jan. 7, 1908.

Barnard's Lobelia.—I want to tell you how delighted I am with Barnard's Perpetual Lobelia. It grew beautifully out-of-doors, but is indeed a perpetual bloomer in the house, running over the sides of the pot, covering it with tiny, but brilliantly blue and white blossoms. It has been a delight all winter. It is an ideal plant for hanging baskets and porch boxes.

Mrs. M. M. Bradley.

Barry Co., Mich., March 16, 1908.

Tuberous Begonias.—Last year I cultivated Tuberous Begonias for the first time. They were simply beauties, and everyone who saw them was delighted with them. They were worth twice what they cost. I don't see why more people do not raise them.

Mrs. T. Marshall.

Stillman, N. Y., Mar. 16, 1908.

Mahernia odorata.—Why don't some of the sisters say something about Mahernia, or Honey Bell? It is a sure winter-bloomer, bears so many blossoms, and so sweet! With me it is one of the "must-haves."

Mrs. Ida Clark.

Genesee Co., N. Y., Mar. 12, 1908.

SUCCESS WITH PERENNIALS.

IHAVE had good success with Perennials from seeds, and have quite a large assortment at only a small expense. I now have eighteen Oriental Poppy plants that I raised from one package of seeds. One must be careful in placing these Poppies with other plants. They make most of them look insignificant. I am going to put white Aquilegia next to mine, as they blossom the same time and harmonize nicely.

I raised some Perennial Cosmos or Pyrethrum. They are like red, white and pink Daisies.

In making a Perennial flower garden one is not apt to get the plants grouped well, and transplanting is often necessary. Most Perennials stand transplanting well, if it is done in the early spring, before growth begins. The Oriental Poppy is an exception, as it does not stand transplanting well at all. They should be placed when quite small where you wish them to remain, as they can be taken up carefully then without breaking the roots.

Lilium tenuifolium is easily raised from seeds, and begins blossoming the second year. It grows about eighteen inches high, and has small, bright, coral red Lilies.

I never try to start Perennial seeds in the open ground, but take boards and make a frame the size necessary, and cover the open top with new white cotton cloth. The frame should be the highest on the north side, so the cloth will have enough slant to shed water. The soil must never get very dry, or never be watered very wet, which will make the seeds rot.

After the tiny plants are up they must not remain covered with the cloth very long, or they will grow spindling and damp off. So I take off the cloth, and tack on two thicknesses of mosquito netting, or some wire screen. In a little while this can be removed, but the little plants must not be allowed to suffer for water the first year. After the first year they get long roots, are more independent of your care, and will begin to pay you back for your trouble. If the plants are not too crowded they will do better if left till the following spring; but if you must transplant while the plants are quite small, I have found this an

excellent plan: Take an old cracker barrel apart, using the staves to build a shelter. Nail them to a couple of light strips of wood, leaving the space between slats somewhat narrower than the slats. When the plants are moved cover with this slat frame, raised about a foot from the ground, and if the wind is liable to be too drying, throw over this a thin cloth or cover with paper. This may seem lots of trouble, but if the plants are mixed Perennials, you might lose your finest plant, and never know it. So, it is best to have them all blossom, and then thin out if there are poor ones.

Kate Tarpening.
Barry Co., Mich., Apr. 6, 1908.

GLADIOLUS.

GO M B I N I N G the variations in color of the Tulip, the rich markings of the Orchid, and the purity of the Lily, the Gladiolus is so cheap, and so easily grown, as to be within the reach of every flower-lover. The colors are bright or delicate, as preferred, those with white, cream or pink ground being beautifully flaked with the deeper tints. For cemetery planting, or as cut flowers, they are especially desirable, the spike commencing to flower at the base, and continuing upward for days; yet the withered blossoms shrink back so nearly into the sheath that their dilapidated appearance is scarcely noticeable. Three or four spikes of choice varieties, with a half dozen of their own leaves, form a floral decoration suitable for any occasion.

Plant the bulbs from three to six inches apart, and four inches deep. Successive plantings from the middle of April to the middle of June will bring a long period of bloom. While they will thrive in any garden soil the bulbs grow larger and more thrifty if it inclines to gravel or sand. Some grown in clear gravel showed a decided gain over those raised in clay soil.

Before freezing weather take them up, dry well, remove the tops, and pack in a cool, dry, frost-proof closet until spring.

Conneaut Lake, Pa. Bessie L. Putnam.

Starting Arborvitæ. — The Arborvitæ is propagated from seeds. The cones are gathered in the fall, the seeds removed and either stratified or sown at once. They germinate well when not allowed to dry out before sowing.



AQUILEGIA COLUMBINE,

FLORAL POETRY.

TWO SCENES.

'Twas a golden day of summer,
The air was warm and still,
As I sat in calm contentment
'Neath the old oak on the hill.

Below me spread the meadow,
And beyond, majestic stood,
Like battle front of soldiery,
The cool inviting wood.

Around me stood the Golden rods
With flashing sabres bare;
They seemed like storied knights of old
Who fought for lady fair.

The cooling zephyrs gently rocked
The birdlings in their nest,
And not a sound was in the air,
For Nature was at rest.

* * * * *
'Tis a wonder winter morning,
The air is sharp and chill,
And I pause in awesome silence
'Neath the old oak on the hill.

Below me spreads the meadow,
Covered with a crystal veil,
And beyond the somber forest
Ravished by the winter gale.

No longer blooms the Golden rod,
But the stalks above the snow
Are sad relics, dead and broken,
Of the golden August show.

No gentle zephyrs fan the cheek,
From perfume-haunted vale,
But Boreas with a mighty rush
Sweeps by in icy mail.

Charles Henry Chesley.

Rockingham Co., N. H.

ROSES.

Sweet Roses, in clusters of beauty,
Twining our portals above,
Teaching us lessons of duty,
Lessons of patience and love.

Roses for the rich and the lowly,
Roses for cottage and hall,
Breathing their message most holy,
Of love to our King, one and all.

Roses for the christening service,
Roses the bride's path bestrew,
In the hands of our dead we place Roses,
They enrich our lives all the way through.

Mrs. C. H. Gardner.

Silver City, New Mexico, March 7, 1908.

THE BLOOMING TULIPS.

On my lawn to day.
There's a grand array
Of Maidens, in bright attire,
That attract the eye
Of those passing by;
'Tis their beauty all admire.

The rain-bow, I guess,
Gave each one a dress,
From the colors on display,
As they laugh and talk
By the garden walk,
On this pleasant Spring-time day.

Allen Co., O.

Lizzie Mowen.

SONG OF THE FLOWERS.

We are coming, we are coming
While the raindrops softly fall,
On our pillows lightly drumming,
Now we hear them gaily call;
Weary Winter's sleep is over,
We are ready for the day,
Soon mid fields of grass and clover
We will form a grand array.

We are coming, we are coming
Crocus, Tulip, Snow-drop white,
When the bees begin their humming
We are rising in our might;
All the flowers of wood and valley,
All the flowers of mead and lawn
Round our May-day queen we rally,
Dreary Winter's reign is gone.

We are coming, we are coming,
Soon to dance upon the plain,
Song-birds to the North are roaming
Joining in our glad refrain;
All the earth our beauty showing
As we bloom the sod above,
Fragrance on the air bestowing,
Emblem of the Father's love.

Ruth Raymond.

Tioga Co., N. Y., Feb. 21, 1908.

FLOWERS OF SPRING.

On the edge of gloomy winter,
Cold winds bravely daring,
Fair and frail, the flowers of springtime
Rainbow hues are wearing.

White and yellow Crocus blossoms
Raise their starry faces,
Where the tender, springing grass blades
Drifted snow replaces.

Arbutus and Hepaticas,
In the wood abiding,
Under withered leaves of autumn
Shy, sweet blooms are hiding.

Violets and Anemones
Greet the spring rejoicing,
While bluebirds in the Maple boughs,
Sweetest songs are voicing.

Birds and bees and springtime blossoms,
Each a welcome comer,
Herald all the countless glories
Of the golden summer.

York Co., Me., March 13, 1908.

Ethel Mace.

MAY.

All things into new life are springing,
Queen May is here;
And birds from the south-land are bringing
Glad songs of love and cheer.

Oh, sweet is the voice of the morning,
Queen May is here;
Bright dew drops her fair robes adorning,
Her breath is balmy and clear.

Oh haste! let us hasten to meet her—
Queen May is here;
Throw wide windows and doors to greet her,
The fairest of all the year.

Eunice Miller Jones.

Harrison Co., Mo., Feb. 12, 1908.

QUEEN OF THE GARDEN.

O Roses, drifting leaflets
Within our garden fair,
We breathe thy sweetest fragrance
Upon the balmy air.

Thou queen of all the flowers
None can with thee compete,
Then sway, and drift thy petals
In showers, round our feet.

El Paso, Texas.

Mrs. S. D. Gardner.

SUMMER-BLOOMING BULBS.

EXCELSIOR FOR DRAINAGE.

THIS is an easily-grown class of plants and very popular. It embraces many showy and beautiful flowers, and very little skill is required to grow them. The easiest of all is the Gladiolus, with its brilliant flowers, inexpensive, and found in nearly all gardens. This will grow for anyone, and in almost any soil, and makes a brilliant display, but must be planted in large quantities and at intervals of two weeks at a time, to keep up a succession of bloom. It is best to plant at any time from April 15 to July 1, and in a sunny situation.

For a tropical effect on the lawn the Canna and Caladium are unequalled, and both require sunshine, the richest of soil, and plenty of moisture. Without any of these the plants are small and unattractive, while under the care they require they are very ornamental. The Canna is as much valued for its flowers as for the foliage now.

For a cool, shady place, where the sun shines very little each day, the Tuberous-rooted Begonia is the most valuable bulb, and here the foliage will be so very bright and large, and the waxy flowers will be so much brighter and prettier than in the sun. Those who have grown these in the sun will be surprised at their rank growth and beauty in the shade, if given plenty of moisture and a rich soil.

Placed with the Ferns along the north side of some building, they will be all the prettier for the contrast.

Not the least of the summer-flowering bulbs is the Dahlia, with its showy, brilliant flowers, and these are equally pretty planted singly, in large groups, or as hedges along the wire fence. In making a Dahlia bed take out all the old soil to the depth of two feet, then fill with the richest soil obtainable, giving plenty of moisture, and you will have an abundance of the large, brilliant flowers.

Besides these we have the gaudy Tigridia, the Tuberose, Zephyranthes and Gloxinias, all possessing much beauty, and none of them very hard to grow.

Laura Jones.

Giant Single
TUBEROUS BEGONIA.

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Lincoln Co., Ky., Jan. 17, 1908.



GLADIOLUS.



Giant Single
TUBEROUS BEGONIA.

AS THE time for potting Tuberous Begonias and other summer bulbs is at hand I would suggest that excelsior, which every housekeeper gets more or less of it in packing of various articles received during the year, be used as drainage in the bottom of tin cans and pots used for such bulbs. Pack the excelsior very tight to the depth of about an inch, then if packing moss is at hand break up fine and place a little on top of the excelsior, and you will have a nice drainage until it rots, which will not be during one summer's growth. It is also nice to use in the bottom of any receptacle used in starting seeds in the window, as it prevents saturation in the lower portion of the soil in the jar or pan; but remember, it must be packed tightly and evenly to prevent the uneven washing of the soil through, which is very little if rightly done.

Aunt Hope.
Wayne Co., Pa., Jan. 22, 1908.

Vermont Wild Flowers.—To the article in the December, (1907) issue of the Floral Magazine, describing Vermont Wild Flowers, I would add the following: Hepatica or Liverwort, the earliest of all our wild flowers to bloom; Claytonia, Clintonia, Sanguinaria or Blood Root, Erythronium or Adder's Tongue, and the loveliest of all—Trailing Arbutus. Violets—yellow, white and blue, Marsh Marigold, and many other spring flowers are found, as also Cypripediums, Water Lilies, Meadow Lilies, Corydalis, Gentian, Wild Aster and Golden Rod. Many beautiful shrubs are also found in Vermont, among which are Viburnums, Wild Roses, Juneberry or Shadberry, Hardhack and Flowering Raspberry.

Mrs. A. Wheelock.

Washington Co., Vt., Dec. 18, 1907.

Narcissus Not Blooming.—For a number of years my Narcissus were effected with bud blight. I tried the bulbs in various soils and in a sunny exposure, but they always failed to bloom. As a last resort I planted them in a partly shaded situation, in common clay soil, and give them plenty of water when it began to get dry. Now, they always bloom. Only one variety was bothered with blight, a double pure white one.

L. E. H.

Douglas Co., Oregon, Jan. 23, 1908.

Calampelis Scabra.—I have this vine growing up through the branches of a fruit tree in my back yard. During fall, winter and spring it is at its best, for then it is making new growth, and throws out its countless sprays of orange bloom in reckless profusion. It has a graceful, lacey effect, but the bad habit of the old growth looking as if dead and the dead flower clusters spoil the effect of the whole during summer.

San Jose Co., Cal. Mrs. Ida A. Cope.

A PLEA FOR "COMMON" FLOWERS.

IT TOOK a heavenly vision to make Peter understand that he must not despise those things which he had always considered "common and unclean," and so it is with a great many of us. It takes an edict of fashion, or a "Peter's sheet" to make us understand that some of the most common things are the most beautiful and precious. One of our poets has said:

"Me-thinks I love all common things—
The common air, the common flower,
The dear, kind, common thought that springs
From hearts that have no other dower,
No other wealth, no other power,
Save love. And will not that repay
For all else fortune tears away."

But we are not all poets, and do not think so deeply upon the common, every-day things, which really are, after all, the most essential, Sweet Peas and 'Stur-tiums used to be common flowers, but now, since they have become fashionable again, everybody must have them, and they are appreciated as they deserve.

There are many other old-fashioned flowers which were seen in our mothers' and grandmother's gardens, which are just as pretty and satisfactory as these, such as the "Ragged Robin," Zinnia, Petunia, Marigold, Larkspur, and a dozen others I could mention. Anybody could have them, they are so easily grown, most of them coming from self-sown seeds, after one once has them; and they often would prove more satisfactory than some of the finer sorts, upon which we spend our time and money.

But especially do I want to speak of our wild flowers and shrubs, many of which are becoming extinct, and we allow it because we do not appreciate their real value. For instance, in this locality I have not seen a "Lady's Slipper," since I was a little girl, and I remember them as being as beautiful as an orchid. I sent last fall to another state for a plant for my wild flower garden, and am looking forward anxiously to the blossoming time, to see if I really can have one again, I also got some bulbs of White Trilliums through our exchange column, which do not grow wild here.

Could anything be sweeter than the wild Bluebells? They are so easy of culture, and

so bright and pretty in early spring. I do not know of any of our cultivated flowers in blue that are so pretty, and yet they are fast being exterminated here, as is also the bloodroot, one of our earliest spring flowers, and as pure and waxen as a Lily.

We have no shrubs on our lawn that excel the Wild Crab Apple for beauty and fragrance, yet, whoever thinks of having one? The Hawthorn and Wild Cherry also have such an abundance of beautiful bloom in their season, that if we only saw one occasionally on some rich man's grounds, we would positively covet it. In the clearing of our forests and the misdirected efforts of our farmers in "tidying up" about their premises, many of our most beautiful plants and shrubs will soon be known only as a memory. There are places on hillsides and along sloughs where the natural growth of shrubs and vines add much to the beauty, and prevent washing, as well as giving a place for the nesting of birds, and for wild flowers to grow.

The law which requires the farmer to keep his fence rows and roadsides clean is all right in so far as noxious weeds are concerned, which will seed his own and his neighbor's fields, but there are some places such as a clayey hill where the fences along the road look much better and stay much better, if allowed to grow up in all sorts of harmless shrubs, vines and flowers. What an oasis on a hot day to come to such a place, shaded, and full of chattering birds, and

flowers, and sweet odors, and all sorts of interesting things.

Let us leave a spot now and then in its natural state, and not have everything artificial.

Mrs. L. T. Golible.

Jefferson Co., Ia., Apr. 6, 1908.



Forget-me-not.—A correspondent complains that her plants of Forget-me-not are cut off at the ground, just when they are budded to bloom. If the cutting is the work of cut-worms, a piece of paper wound around the stem and extending into the soil a short distance will overcome the trouble. If damping off is the cause avoid crowding, and cultivate the soil. If the weather is wet and cloudy it may be necessary to spread some dry coal ashes over the bed to arrest the damping-off fungus.

CARE OF WINDOW PLANTS.

MY PLANT window is about ten feet from the sitting-room stove—a place unfavorable, but I will tell you how I manage in order to have flowers, for I find them such a comfort to me, and when tired they take the place of a tonic. I spray the foliage once a week and sometimes steam the plants by placing an open dish of hot water in the center of the stand. Today, February 10, they are beautiful, and as healthy as if grown in better quarters.

I have no trouble with the dreaded Aphis.



APHIS.

I can dispose of this pest very easily. I take a pail of soap-suds, add to it two tablespoonfuls of kerosine oil, stirring it briskly for a few seconds, and then spray the affected foliage two or three times. The spraying may be repeated every two weeks, to destroy the young that may

appear. This remedy will also destroy the little white worms, Rose beetles and Aster slugs, as well as other flower enemies. It is well to try it first upon some plant not cared for, so it can be weakened before using, if too strong.

For mildew I mix a tablespoonful of sulphur and wood soot with water, forming a paste, then add boiling water, making a tea. With this sprinkle the bushes or plants. It will do away with the trouble.

Mrs. G. H. Turner.

Tuscola Co., Mich., Feb. 10, 1908.

Hardy Ferns.—Expensive plants are not required to make attractive flower-beds. Many flower-lovers neglect opportunities to utilize wild or common plants. For example, many of the hardy ferns are beautiful. A bed next a building, too shaded for most blooming plants to succeed, if filled with soil similar to that in which the wild ferns grow, and set with ferns may become most pleasing. After setting out the ferns, (which should be moved very carefully from their wild home), if bits of Wandering Jew are tucked into the moist soil, this vine will soon cover the ground among the ferns. Jew that is too unsightly for use in a pot or hanging basket buried lightly in the fern bed, will pay for the slight trouble. Kenilworth Ivy may also be used to carpet the ground among the ferns, instead of Wandering Jew, and is even prettier among the ferns.

A Reader.

Bloomingdale, Ind., Feb. 18, 1908.

Primula.—I have two bunches of Primula polyanthus that are freaks. Each bunch, instead of having rose colored flowers, has bright green blossoms. They have the same care as all my others, and why they should have green blossoms is a mystery to me. I would like to know if any one else has such a freak and what causes it.

L. E. H.

Douglas Co., Oregon, Jan. 23, 1908.

CARNATIONS FROM SEED.

LAST year I had good success raising winter-blooming Carnations from seeds. I sowed the seeds in the open ground while the Apple trees were blooming. They quickly came up and grew nicely. In September I potted them and gave them a place in my window. They were beautiful during the cold, sunless days of November and December, when the other plants gave no flowers. I had seventeen plants that I potted, besides giving away several. They were not quite as large as the hot-house product, but just as fragrant and as bright in colors. There was a variety of colors and markings—some pure white, some white striped with red or pink, and some dark red; but the pink ones were my favorites. They were beautiful, and to think all that beauty and fragrance from a three-cent packet of seeds! Certainly none need be without plenty of flowers both beautiful and fragrant, when they can be raised so cheaply.

Mrs. C. W. Downes.

Sandy Hook, Conn., Feb. 17, 1908.

BUILT RIGHT.

Brain and Nerves Restored by Grape-Nuts Food.

The number of persons whose ailments were such that no other food could be retained at all, is large and reports are on the increase.

"For 12 years I suffered from dyspepsia, finding no food that did not distress me," writes a Wis. lady. "I was reduced from 145 to 90 lbs., gradually growing weaker until I could leave my bed only a short while at a time, and became unable to speak aloud.

"Three years ago I was attracted by an article on Grape-Nuts and decided to try it.

"My stomach was so weak I could not take cream, but I used Grape-Nuts with milk and lime water. It helped me from the first, building up my system in a manner most astonishing to the friends who had thought my recovery impossible.

"Soon I was able to take Grape-Nuts and cream for breakfast, and lunch at night, with an egg and Grape-Nuts for dinner.

"I am now able to eat fruit, meat and nearly all vegetables for dinner, but fondly continue Grape-Nuts for breakfast and supper.

"At the time of beginning Grape-Nuts I could scarcely speak a sentence without changing words around or 'talking crooked' in some way, but my brain and nerves have become so strengthened that I no longer have that trouble." "There's a Reason." Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich.* Read "The Road to Wellville," in pkgs.

SPECIMEN PLANTS.

WHY do we not try to have specimen plants. I know many who put their winter treasures into garden beds as soon in spring as may be, where they riot luxuriantly through the summer and fall. "I just take a slip or two, so as to not lose the variety," women tell me; "I've no room for that big thing." I admit it is hard to repot these bedded plants in the fall, their roots having spread on all sides. Despite the utmost care leaves wilt and fall, and a scraggy, sorry-looking thing remains. But if the "big thing" had been given a larger pot in the spring it would have been a glorious specimen. The windows are filled, for the most part, with small slips undergoing the rooting process, and flowers, of course, cannot be expected. Impatiens, however, is an exception. I have yet to see a slip of Impatiens that does not rise to the ambition of winter blossoms, as it roots very quickly.

I was once one of this multitude, but I have learned to admire a perfectly grown specimen plant, and to care very little for any other. Of course one has to carry cuttings along with great care for a year or more, until they grow into admirable plants, but the care and waiting are well rewarded in the beauty they display, and the admiration they elicit.

Lydia W. Baldwin.

Kent Co., Del., Mar. 2, 1908.

Dianthus Hedewigii. — When blooming two years ago I supposed my plants of Dianthus Hedewigii would pass away with the season, so I gave them no attention. But in the spring they started new growth, and were much finer than they were the first year, the blooms being two and three inches across, and of all the most beautiful shades of white and pink, ranging into the darkest velvety red. I had fourteen distinct shades and markings. I kept the seed-pods picked off, and the plants bloomed all summer. They are still green, and give good promise for 1908.

A. Marley.

Bradford Co., Pa., Jan. 1908.

Twin-flowered Cyclamen. — Among the many stems bearing flowers upon my Cyclamen was a twin-flowered one—two perfect blooms on one stem. I mean to have half a dozen plants of Cyclamen next year. Ima.

Geauga Co., O., Jan. 14, 1908.

[NOTE.—It is not generally known that Cyclamen are easily raised from seeds. The seeds are nearly as large as a Balsam seed, and almost every one will germinate and grow, the plants appearing in about four weeks after the seeds are sown. Keep the plants continuously growing and the blossoms will appear in from fifteen to eighteen months after the plants appear. Shift into larger pots as they develop and never allow the soil to dry out.—Ed.]

Oxalis. — The large-flowered Oxalis bulbs thrive in a soil composed largely of sand, and in a place rather dry and partially shaded. Avoid a tenacious, stagnant soil, and the application of too much water.

LILACS.

Purple Lilacs, long ago,
Grew in every garden fair;
Hands that rest the flowers below
Planted them with loving care.
Dainty Roses, pink and white,
Perfumed petals round them shed,
Lilies and Paeonies bright
Crowned each primly ordered bed;
Sweetest of all blossoms there,
Statelier than the Lilies tall,
Were the Lilacs' clusters rare
By each garden gate and wall.

Still, with floral treasures new,
Brought from many a far-off land,
To the old our hearts are true,
And, in modern gardens grand
Purple Lilacs grow today
'Mid the gems of every clime,
Fairest flowers of blossomed May,
Sweet as in the olden time.

York Co., Me., Jan. 25, 1908.

Ethel Mace.

A Pretty Hanging Basket. — Take an ordinary muzzle (wire or made of splits), fill the inside with moss, then your soil, being careful to keep the moss in place, and you are ready for your plants, cuttings or seeds. Any dainty vine is pretty, and will make an attractive basket. The secret is to keep it well watered, so the moss will be green.

Grayson Co., Va.

Blossom.

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Achillea Pearl
Ptarmica
Millifolium
Filipendula
Acorus, Calamus, variegata



Achimenes mixed

NOTE.—I cannot often procure Achimenes, and those who wish them should get them now, while I have them to offer.
Adenophora Polymorpha
Agapanthus Umb. alba
Umbellata, blue

Albizia julibrissin
Aloe, succulent
Astroemeria aurantiaca

Alsteranthera, red, yellow

Brilliantissima

Paronychoides major

Alonsoa linifolia

Althea in variety

Amomum Cardamomum

Anemone coronaria

Japonica alba

Whirlwind

Queen Charlotte

Anthemis Chamomile

Anthericum Liliastrum

Apios Tuberosa

Aquilegia in variety

Canadensis, scarlet

Double White

Chrysanthemum, yellow

Aralia Alpina

Aralia Racem. (Spikenard)

Arenaria Montana

Arisema triphylla

Artichoke, Jerusalem

Arum cornutum

Hastata, (Yellow Calla)

Italicum (Black calla)

Asparagus Sprengeri

Plumosus nanus

A. Decumbens

Plumosus robustus

Aubrieta, purple

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Begonia, Tuberous in var.
Rex, Clementine
Queen Victoria
Rubella
Rex in variety
Begonia, robusta
Fuchsoides

Dewdrop
Diadema
Decorus
Angel Wing
Nitida rosea
Bertha Chateroche
Evansiana, hardy
Weltoniensis Cut Leaf
Argentea Guttata

Bergamot Scarlet
Bougainvillea Sanderi
Boston smilax
Brodiae congesta
Bryophyllum calycinum
Cactus, Queen of Night
Cereus triangularis
Opuntia variegata
Epiphyllum truncatum
Echinocactus

Calla, spotted leaf
Campylobotrys regia
Canna, named sorts
Carex Japonica
Celsia Cretica

Centaurea candidissima
Montana
Cestrum laurifolium
Poeticus
Chainy Berry, red-seed vine

Chlidanthus fragrans
Chrysanthemum in variety
Frutescens
Cineraria hybrida grand.

Polyanthus Stellata

Maritima Diamond.



Carnation, Malmaison mxd
Margaret mixed
Margaret white
Margaret Rose
Margaret Red
Margaret, pure yellow
Margaret, Snow Flake
Winter-blooming mixed
French Chabaud
Queen Louise, white
Harry Fenn, red
Florist's perpetual

Cobaea Scandens
Coccobola platyclada
Coreopsis grandiflora
Crassula cordata
Spatulata
Cuphea platycentra.



Coleus, Ornatus

Rob Roy
Fancy in variety
Golden Bedder
Verschaffelti
Fire Brand
Emerald

Booker Washington, a dark-colored variety

NOTE.—The New Coleus are grand window plants, each leaf as bright as a flower. Avoid sudden changes of temperature.

Cyclamen Crimson King
White Red Eye
James' Prize
Crimson
White

Cyperus alternifolius
Note.—Cyperus Alternifolius

is a semi-aquatic plant sometimes called Water Plant and Umbrella Plant. Water while growing, and shift into a larger pot as needed, and you will have an elegant specimen.

Cypripedium acaule

Daisy, Double, delicate
Snowball, white
Longfellow, red

Daisy, Ox-eye, Shasta
California
Alaska

Delphinium, perennial
Dianthus Semperflorens de Nice, yellow

Dielytra spectabilis
Eximia, everblooming

Digitalis, Foxglove
Doronicum Caucasicum
Eranthemum Pulchellum

A fine winter-bloomer.

Erythrina Crista Galli
Eucomis punctata
Eupatorium riparium

Riparium variegatum
Ferns, Tender in variety
Hardy in variety

Funkia subcordata grandi
Ovata
Undulata variegata

Ferraria yellow
Red, also White

NOTE.—Elegant bulbous plants, a clump always showing flowers which are large, cup-like, with richly spotted centre; colors distinct and beautiful.

Ficus repens
Fuchsia, Avalanche

Fuchsia, single
Black Prince, single
Silver King, single
White Phenomenal, doubl.

Monarch, double
Mrs. Chas. Blanc
Speciosa
Double

Gloire des Marches
Rosa Patrie
E. G. Hill

Geranium maculatum
Geranium sanguineum
Geranium, double-flwing:

Gen. Grant,
Madonna, white
Mrs. Clugston, pink
S. A. Nutt, scarlet

La Favorite, white
Jean Viaud, pink
Bruanti, red

Jno. Doyle, red
La Croix, scarlet
Beaute Poitevine, salmon

E. H. Tregoe, scarlet
Mme. Canovas, red
Centaure, red

Mme. Barney, pink
Mme. Buchner, white
Geranium, single-flwing:

Gen. Grant,
Dryden, scarlet flamed
White Swan

Granville
New Life
L'Aube, white

Ivy Leaf, Mrs. Hawley
Col. Baden Powell
Le Elegans

Mixed
Joan of Arc
Horace de Choiseul

Fancy Leaf in variety
Scented Leaf in variety



Gaillardia grandiflora

Gerbera Jamesoni
Genista Canariensis
Gentiana Andrewsii
Gladiolus trimaculatus

Gloxinia in variety
 Goodyeara pubescens
 Grevillea Robusta
 NOTE.—Grevillea robusta is a fine pot plant, prized by some as much as a Palm, and of easier culture. It deserves a place in every plant collection. It is a hardy tree at the south, and called Australian Silk Oak.
 Guava, fine fruit for pots.
 Habrothamnus elegans
 Helianthus Maximilliana Grandiflora
 Helichrysum Lanatum
 Heliotrope, Mont Blanc Light blue
 Dark blue
 White Lady
 Hemerocallis flava Fulva
 Middendorfiana
 Sieboldii
 Thunbergii
 Hepatica triloba
 Heterocentron album
 Hibiscus, pink, crimson eye White, crimson eye
 Honeysuckle, Hall's Reticulata
 Hop, common
 Houstonia coerulea
 Hoya Carnosa
 Impatiens sultani Holsti
 Inula, (Elecampane)
 Iris Florentina, white Florentina, blue
 Florentina, purple
 Germanica, Rosy Queen Canary Bird
 Mme. Chereau Blue
 Germanica in sorts
 Siberica atropurpurea Violaceum
 Alba, white
 Foetidissima, variegata
 Pumila, in sorts.
 Kaempferi Mont Blanc Kermesina
 Leopold II Queen of the Blues
 Gloire de Rotterdam Mixed
 NOTE.—The best time to plant Iris Kaempferi is in the spring. My collection embraces the mammoth-flowered sorts in white, red, blue, etc. They are the finest.
 Ivy, Irish or parlor Kenilworth
 Jasminum gracillimum Grandiflora
 Nudiflorum Revolutum
 Jerusalem Cherry, Justicia sanguinea Velutina
 Lantana, Weeping Harkett's Perfection
 Lavender
 Leucanthemum, Triumph
 Lobisia penrhosiensis Ligustrum, Amoor River
 Lilium Takesimae Tigrinum single Double
 Umbellatum
 Lily of the Valley Fortin's Giant
 Linaria Alpina Linum Perenne, blue
 Lopelia rosea Lycchnis, Lagascae Petropeltis
 Lysimachia, Moneywort Mackaya Bella
 Madeira Vine

Malva Moschata
 Manettia bicolor
 Melianthus Major
 Mentha Piperita
 Mexican Primrose
 Monarda Didyma
 Myosotis in variety



Nasturtium, double yellow Double scarlet
 NOTE.—The double Nasturtiums are beautiful. The plants are robust, ever-blooming, and the flowers are rich and fragrant. They bloom well either in summer or winter.
 Nepeta, Catnip
 Nicotiana Sylvestris, Affinis Sanderae
 Oxalis, Bowii Buttercup, yellow
 Cernua lutea Dieppi
 Arboraea coccinea Alba
 Rosea rose Oenothera Frazerii
 Peonies Chinese, in variety Helena Maria
 Blush white
 Rose
 Tenuifolium
 Officinalis rubra pl. Officinalis crimson
 Pansy in variety Pardanthus Chinensis
 Passiflora edulis Pea, Perennial rose Red
 Scarlet
 White
 Pink
 Petunia, double in variety Phalaris, ribbon grass
 Physalis Franchetii
 Pinks in variety Pink, Her Majesty Essex Witch
 Pilea Muscosa
 Platycodon blue White
 Podophyllum peltatum
 Polygonum cuspidatum Poppy Perennial
 Primula, Veris Duplex Acalis
 Chinese Fern Leaf Fringed
 Obconica
 Prunella vulgaris Phlox Boule de Feu
 Maculata
 Iris Jeanne de Arc
 Adonis
 Grafia Von Lassburg
 Boule de Neige
 NOTE.—Phlox Boule de Feu has gorgeous, flame-colored panicles; blooms a long time. Boule de Neige is similar, but flowers pure white. Both are grand.

Pyrethrum, mixed
 Ranunculus acris fl. pl.
 Rhynchospermum Jasminoides
 Rudbeckia, Golden Glow Newmanni
 Purpurea
 Rivinia Humilis
 Rocket, Sweet
 Rose, Mignonette Madam Plantier
 Ruellia Makoyana Formosa
 Russelia elegantissima Juncea
 Salvia Praetensis Rutilans
 Sclarea Patens
 Coccinea splendens Splendens Alfred Raginaius
 Robusta
 Sage, English
 Sansevieria Zeylanica
 Santolina Chamœcypraris-sus
 Saponaria ocymoides
 Saxifraga peltata
 Sarmentosa
 Sedum, Acre
 Selaginella maritima
 Senecio Artemisiifolius
 Silene Fortunei
 Solanum Rantonetti Grandiflorum
 Sparaxis, large-flowered Spraea, Filipendula Japonica
 Gladstone
 Palmeta elegans
 Venusta
 Spotted Calla
 Strawberry, Early Medium
 Late
 Strobilanthes anisophyllus Stokesia cyanea
 Swainsonia Alba
 Sweet William
 Tecoma Velutina
 Tansy
 Thunbergia grandiflora, a beautiful blooming vine
 Thalictrum adiantifolium
 Tradescantia Zebrina



Tricyrtis Hirta
 NOTE.—Tricyrtis Hirta is the beautiful Toad Lily, a rare and free-blooming, curious flower of chocolate color, spotted—hence the name. It is easily grown, sure to bloom, and hardy in a mild climate. Try it.

Trillium, in sorts
 Tritomea carolina
 Trollius, Thomas Ware
 Tropaeolum tuberosa
 Veronica Longiflora Prostrata
 Vinca, Hardy Variegated
 Rosea
 Rosea Alba
 Viola, Marie Louise Pedata
 Cucullata
 Hardy white
 Wallflower
 Weigela floribunda
 Variegata

Wiganda Vigierii
Yucca filamentosa
Hardy Shrubs.
 Abelia rupestris, hardy
 Amorpha fruticosa
 Aralia petiolaria
 Baccharis halimifolia
 Benzoin odoriferum
 Berberis Jamesoni Vulgaris
 Thunbergii
 Callicarpa purpurea
 Calycanthus Floridus
 Cydonia Japonica
 Cytisus Laburnum
 Deutzia, Pride of Rochester Gracilis
 Crenata fl. pl.
 Enonymus Americana Japonica aureus
 Exochorda grandiflora Forsythia viridisima
 Suspensa (Sieboldii)
 Hamamelis Virginiana Hydrangea Paniculata grandiflora
 Arborescens
 Hypericum Moserianum
 Kerria Japonica fl. pl.
 Koelreuteria paniculata Ligustrum Ibotum
 Amoor River California Privet
 Lilac, common (Syringa) Old Man, (sweet shrub)
 Photinia Villosa Privet, (see Ligustrum)
 Philadelphus Mock Orange Grandiflora, large-flwd
 Robinia hispida (Pea shrub) Spirea Anthony Waterer Reevesi
 Van Houtte Callosa alba
 Frunifolia Opulifolia
 Spartium Junceum Styx Japonica
 Symphoricarpos vulgaris Racemosus

Hardy Shrubby Vines.
 Akebia quinata, from Japan Ampelopsis quinquefolia Veitchii
 Bignonia radicans Velutina
 Cissus heterophylla Ivy English, green
 Ivy English, green Abbotsford
 Roses, climbing hardy Prairie Queen Seven Sisters
 NOTE.—Prairie Queen is a lovely climber when well grown; double, in large clusters. Seven Sisters bears clusters of seven large, double flowers, and is one of the most satisfactory of Climbing Roses, easily grown and beautiful.

Hardy Trees.
 American Linden Catalpa Kämpferi
 Cornus florida, Dogwood Cork Elm
 Cercis Canadensis, Red-bud
 Eucalyptus Globosa Gunnii
 Ginkgo triloba Morus tartaria, Russian Mulberry
 Magnolia acuminata, the Native Cucumber Tree Sugar Maple
 Scarlet Maple Sycamore (American) Tulip Poplar
 Weeping Willow

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Elphie Lundquist.

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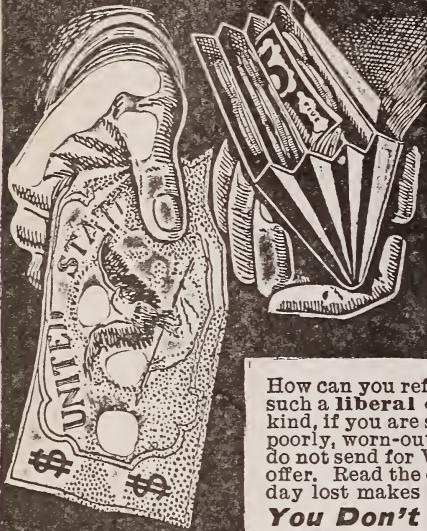
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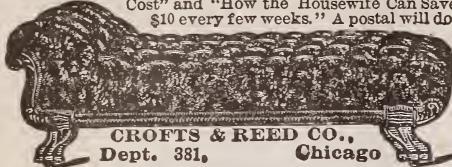
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Health.—Some parts of Florida may be unhealthy, but St. Petersburg and vicinity is as healthy as any place I have ever been in. Many persons go there with throat and lung trouble, asthma, rheumatism, etc., and are, as a rule, relieved or cured. The air is pure and never chilly, coming east from the Great Gulf, or west from Tampa Bay. The people of St. Petersburg do not emphasize this fact, for they wish a healthy class of tourists and settlers; but it cannot be kept hidden. The climate is also beneficial to persons with nervous trouble, heart trouble and dyspepsia.

Pests.—I know nothing personally about Florida mosquitoes, as they are not troublesome in winter; but I am told that in summer, especially during the wet season, they are a nuisance, unless screens are used. There are no reptiles worth mentioning in the settled portion. Alligators appear only in isolated swamps. Flies and roaches have to be more or less guarded against, just as at the North.

Real Estate and Building.—Real estate is advancing continually. Land can be purchased some distance out for from \$75.00 to \$125.00 per acre, and city lots from \$100.00 to \$1,000.00 each. The buildings are mostly of frame, as lumber is plentiful and cheap. While I was there a big ship was being loaded with lumber to go to New York City. Carpenters get from \$2.50 to \$3.50 per day. A contractor going to St. Petersburg in winter with a lot of carpenters, a mason, several plasterers, a good plumber and a big tent could do a thriving business there. More than 10,000 tourists go there every winter, and hundreds of them buy with the intention of building. Often the building has to be deferred for want of a contractor. There are no cellars, and the only work for the mason is building little piers to set the house upon, and erecting the chimney. So far as I know there are no more severe winds or rain storms there than at the North.

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Mrs. Lavina Benson.

Somerset Co., Pa., Jan. 17, 1908.

[ANS.—The secret in having winter bloom is chiefly in selecting suitable plants. Many plants bloom well under favorable conditions, but if the temperature is widely variable, or the windows dark and shady, or the atmosphere very dry and hot, such plants will hardly live, much less bloom. The Semperflorens Begonias, Eupatorium riparium, Crassula cordata, Eranthemum pulchellum, Euphorbia splendens, Impatiens Sultanii and Impatiens Holsti, Vinca rosea, Salvia Alfred Ragueneau, Lopelia rosea, Chinese Primroses, and Primula obconica and Primula floribunda can hardly be kept from blooming, if given a modicum of care. Get the plants in summer, repot them into larger pots until in four-inch pots, then give them a sunny window. You will certainly be delighted with the result.—Ed.]

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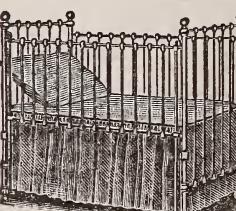
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